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Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action Restriction Requirement of December 31, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$410.00 for the Extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 or any additional necessary fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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